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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Monday November 11, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, November 5.

Since our laſt arrived two Mails from France, one from Holland, and one from Flanders.

Conſtantinople, October 2*d.*

THE *Reſident* of Ruſſia, having received an Expreſs from his Court, immediatly deſired to be admitted to an Audience; which being granted by the Grand Vizier, he declared to that Prime Miniſter, by Order from the Emperor of Ruſſia, that the Ruſſian Troops have been commanded to act againſt Meriweys, but careſully to avoid all Opportunities of a Rupture with thoſe of the Ottoman Empire, hoping the Porte will give the like Orders to their Generals: We do not hear what Anſwer was returned by the Grand Vizier, but the Grand Seignior, it ſeems, takes dayly more Umbrage, at the Progreſs of the Emperor of Ruſſia on the Side of Perſia.

The Marquis de Bonac is to have next Week his Audience of Leave of the Grand Seignior, being to return ſhortly to France.

Geneva, November 4. Here is an Account from Florence, That the Great Duke of Tuſcany is dead; and alſo, That the Prince John Gaſton his Son, has been own'd as great Duke, and Succeſſor to all his Titles.

This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 111, 3 8ths. South Sea Annuity 99, 7 8ths. Bank 20. India 135, one Half. African 32, one 8th. York Buildings 13, 1 8th.

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From the Weekly Journal, or Saturday's Poſt.

The Diſpute concerning the Succeſſion of the late King William, as Prince of Orange, which has lain dormant now near a Year and a half, is again reviv'd, The Competitors are the King of Pruſſia, the Landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel, and Princeſs Dowager of Naſſau Friezland, who acts for her Son the young Prince. when the Diſpute was canvaſſed before, the States General did ſtrongly favour the Intereſt of the young Prince, not thinking it conſiſtent with their Safety, that the King of Pruſſia ſhould inherit that Succeſſion; which Proceeding had like to have created ill Blood betwixt that King and their High Mightineſſes, and there were even ſome Menaces made uſe of by the Pruſſian Miniſter at the Hague, upon the whole, this Prince did not think fit to leave it to a Law-ſuit to be determined in Holland: Wherefore ſome Perſons who apprehended ſome ill Conſequences from ſuch Miſunderſtandings, found out an Expedient to quiet all the Parties, which was, by leaving it to a kind of Reference or Negociation; which tho' agreed to by all Parties, was unhappily broke off before the Thing was finiſhed, but now it is ſet on Foot again; it is hoped, it will end with more Succeſs.

They write from Amſterdam, that the Eaſt India Company have lately ſent large Inſtructions to their Governour of Batavia, the Particulars are kept ſecret but 'tis remoured, that they are concerning the Ships of the Flemiſh Company which ſhall trade to India; ſome give it out, that the Governour, by thoſe Orders, is to command his Ships to make Prizes of all they ſhall meet with, which no doubt may be eaſily done, conſidering the Strength and naval Power of that Company in India, and by theſe Means, the Trade of the New Flemiſh Company may be entirely ſuppreſſed: But if the Hollanders ſhould take this extraordinary Step, and in this Manner begin a War in the Eaſt Indies, it is pretty certain it muſt end in Europe.

London, Nov. 2. We hear that Mr. Wood, the Patentee of the Iriſh Coinage has found out a Method to ſecure himſelf a ſufficient Profit to raiſe a great Eſtate by, and at the ſame time to pleaſe the People of Ireland.

For its ſaid, that he intends to make a Propoſal to them; That for all the Copper Coin which he ſhall here after import into that Kingdom, he will be paid only half in Gold and Silver, and take out the other half in Potatoes.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Amſterdam, Nov. 6. We hear from Moſcow that Count Czeremetof ſet out for Conſtantinople the 4th, as Envoy Extraordinary of the Czar, and 'twas hop'd would prevent a Rupture which is threatned by the Porte; and from Petersburg we learn, that the Perſian Ambaſſador had engaged, in the Name of the Sophi, 1ſt, to maintain the Ruſſian Troops in their Conqueſts, 2d, to grant them ſome other Places and Ports above Derbent, 3d, To furniſh them with Horſes for ſeveral Regiments, and 4th, To facilitate the Eſtabliſhment of Commerce between Perſia and Ruſſia.

Bruſſels, Nov. 7. Prayers are continued here, and in the Archbiſhoprick of Mechlin for the Empreſs's ſafe Delivery. The Lord Bolingbroke is paſſed by here for Aix la Chapelle, to return to England by way of Calais. The Papers belonging to Mr. Colebrook which were ſeized here, are reſtored to him.

Warſaw, October 22. We learn from the Ukrania, that an Envoy is going from thence to the Ruſſian Emperor to ſollicit the Confirmation of their Privileges, and alſo to offer 3000 Men for his Service. We are adviſed from the Turkiſh Frontiers, That Meriweys uſes all poſſible Endeavours to advance himſelf to the Throne of Perſia; and that the Turks make ſuch Motions on the Frontiers of Georgia, as if they were aſſured of expelling the Ruſſians from that Principality. On the other Hand, ſome Advices mention, That the Ruſſian Monarch ſeems intent upon extending his Conqueſts for the Advantage of Commerce with

Perſia

Persia. If these Accounts are true, great Confusion and Bloodshed must be the Consequence.

London, Nov. 2. Some Persons of Distinction, who arrived in Town on Thursday last from Calais, bring the following Account of an Accident which happened at a small Village called Beaulieu, situate on the Road between Calais and Paris. A Captain and a Private Gentleman of the French King's Guards, chanced to fall into an Inn in the Evening of November the 5th, N. S. when having gone to their Chamber, supp'd, and preparing to go to Bed, they were informed by a Maid Servant, that there were in the House 7 Russians who had agreed to Rob and Murder them in the Night; whereupon they resolved to force their way immediately out of the House, and to that End, loaded their Pistols, came down Stairs, and were going out when the Villains, who were at Supper, got up to oppose their Passage. The Gentlemen discharged their Pistols which killed 4 of them on the Spot, the other three submitted, and begg'd their Lives, who together with the Master of the Inn and his Wife were secured and committed to Prison.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Essex is preparing to set out for France, for the Recovery of his Health.

They write from the Devizes in Wiltshire, That a Tradesman's Wife of that Place, after a Labour of 4 Days, was delivered of a Monster, which had one Body but two Breasts, one Head of an exorbitant Size, the Eyes distorted, two Teeth, a fat Appearance of a Face in the Nap of the Neck; four Arms, Hands, Legs and Feet, with 6 Fingers and Toes on each; but what was most remarkable is, that the Side to which the Face pointed was Male, the other Female; the Male had Nails upon the Fingers and Toes, which the Female had not.

From the Flying Post.

Rome, Oct. 16. The Pretender and his Lady are still at Albano, and the Weather being as if it was the Spring Season, Princes, Cardinals, and other Persons of Distinction are daily going out of Town to take their Pleasure in the Country.

Milan, Oct. 20. Cardinal Salerno's Journey to Prague has been Matter of more than ordinary Speculation to our Politicians; and some of them pretend to have found out the true Reason of it. They make no doubt, but that the Alban Family, who are intirely devoted to the Emperor, has sent this Prelate thither, on Purpose to represent to his Imperial Majesty, That as the present Pope is not like to live longe by Reason of his Infirmities; it is for his Interest to make what Friends he can before hand in the sacred College, that they may speedily concert proper Measures for the Election of a new Pontiff, who may be affected to the House of Austria. These Politicians go so far as to say, that the Emperor received this Proposal with Pleasure, and charged the Cardinal to concert Matters accordingly with his Brethren, in Favour of one or other of the Cardinals Albani. But the Truth of this, time will better discover.

London, Nov. 2. The following Persons of Distinction are all at this Time laid up with several Indispositions, viz. The Honourable Richard Harcourt, eldest Son to the Lord Viscount Harcourt: Felix Feast Esq; one of the Sherriffs of this City; the Lord Chief Justice Prat, and the Wife of Mr. Morice, Daughther of the deprived Bishop of Rochester, who has miscarried since her Arrival from Brussels.

From the London Journal.

Letters from Vienna mention, That a few Days ago the Inventor of an extraordinary kind of Boat made of oyled Leather, portable in a Bag, tried an Experiment with it on the Danube, before a multitude of Spectators of all Ranks, in which Boat a Woman crossed the Stream, and in the Middle of it fired two Pistols; and rowing with two little Oars, arrived safely at the other Side, from whence she passed under the Bridge, and there landed.

Several

Several Gentlemen lately come from Naples, bring an Account, that Alderman Barber ſtill continues there, where he ſhines in a moſt handſom Equipage.

The 24th paſt, died Mr. George Martin, a noted Brewer in Weſtminiſter, in the 48th Year of his Age; he was judged to be the fatteſt Man in England, and was got to ſuch a Bulk, that he thought he had the Dropſie; ſo that the Day before he died he was cut ſeveral Inches in to be tapped, but it was all through Fat, which choaked him on Monday laſt, his Body was interred in the Chappel in Streton's Grounds, Weſtminiſter. His Coffin was 2 Yards 5 Inches long, and an Ell and a half wide: and 3 Foot 2 Inches deep; it has been publiſhed by ſome, That there was eighteen Men to carry his Body on a Beir, which though it was made for that Purpoſe, it was apprehended would break before they got to the Chappel. Thoſe who report this ſay the Corps and Coffin weighted 17 Hundred Weight, and was of ſo exorbitant a Bulk, that not being able to get it out of the Doors, they were forced to take the Saſhes down, and let it by Tackles out of the Windows.

From the London Gazette.

Madrid, Oct. 26. N. S. We have Advices from Cadiz, that the Marquis de Maria with his Squadron is come in there; and that in his Cruiſe in the Mediterranean he ſpoke with two Men of War carrying the Emperor's Colours which had under their Convoy, three Merchant Ships from Trieſte in the Adriatick, bound for Lisbon.

Bruſſels, Nov. 3. N. S. The Count de Baillet, preſident of the Council of Mechlin, ſet out Yeſterday for Lunnenburg with a Commiſſion from the Marquis de Prie to aſſemble the States of that Province, and to require their Conſent to the ſettling the Succeſſion of the Auſtrian Netherlands on the Female Line, on Failure of the Male, to which the Provinces of Brabant and Flanders have already conſented. The ſaid Preſident in his Return is to make the like Propoſition to the States of the little Province of Mechlin. As is alſo the Duke of Armenberg to the Province of Hainault, and the Count de Laney to that of Namure on the 15th Inſtant. Which done the reſpective Acts of Conſent of all the Provinces that compoſe the Auſtrian Netherland are to be tranſmitted to the Imperial Court. On the 1ſt Inſtant Prince Kurakin arrived here.

From the Flying Poſt, Nov. 5.

Rome, October 16. Cardinal Alberoni has won the Hearts of almoſt all his Enemies, and every one ſtrives who ſhall go firſt to viſit him at his Country Seat. Cardinal Gualtieri is gone to Albano to ſee the Chevalier de St. George, whoſe Lady being reported to be again with Child. 'Tis ſaid the Cardinal has a ſecret Commiſſion to be informed of the Truth of the Fact, to enquire how far Madam is advanced in her Pregnancy, and to make his Report accordingly to the Pope, that Prayers may be ordered in Time ſuitable to the Occaſion, and that the Child's Linnen may be got up ready for Conſecration.

Warſaw October 22. There are ſome Advices from the Ukrain, That the Coſſacks of that Country have ſent an Embaſſy to the Crown, to deſire a Confirmation of their Privileges, and to aſſure him of their Readineſs to lay down their their Lives and Fortunes in his Service, and to bring an Army of 50000 into the Field for that End.

Vienna, October 27. We have Advice from Ratisbon, That tho' the Count de Kinsky, the Emperor's ſecond Commiſſioner at the Dyet, declared the Day after his Arrival from Prague, that he was ordered by the Emperor to recall the Prohibition heretofore laid upon the Imperial Miniſters to viſit that of Hanover, yet the Emperor's ſaid Orders have not been executed, inſomuch that the King of Great Britain thought fit to complain of it to the Emperor's Miniſter the Count Staremberg.

From

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 5th, 1723.

Since our Laſt arrived one Mail from Holland, and another from France, with the following News.

FROM Conſtantinople of the 2d paſt, we are informed, That the Aga of the Janizaries was on his Departure for Aſoph; the Fortifications of which Place are reckoned to exceed all the other Fortreſſes of the Ottoman Empire: That the Preparations of the Turks increaſed conſiderably, particularly at the Places near the Black Sea: That the Porte have actually ſent Orders to the Ottoman Troops on the Frontiers of Perſia, to approach the Army of Meriweys, ſo as to be in Reach to act jointly againſt the Ruſſians, whoſe Progreſs in Perſia daily increaſes; and 'tis rumoured that Hoſtilities are commenced between them and the Turks in the Georgian Territories.

We ſee the Turks are bent upon a War with the Czar; who, on the other hand, is reſolved not to part with one Foot of his Conqueſts in Perſia for preſerving Peace with them. His Affairs on the Side of Derbent are ſaid to be in a very agreeable State: That great Remittances have been ſent thither to pay the Ruſſian Forces in thoſe Parts; and 'tis aſſured that the Czar will have a conſiderable Navy on the Caſpian Sea; Beſides, 'tis conjectured, by his Commiſſary at Dantzick his inliſting all the Seamen he can get that are well experienc'd with the Mediterranean Coaſt, as tho' he deſign'd to try, if poſſible, to bring his Fleet into the Black Sea, and fight the Turks at their own Doors.

Some Advices from Ukrania ſay, That the Coſſacks of that Country have ſent an Embaſſy to the Czar, not only to deſire of him a Confirmation of their Privileges, but alſo to aſſure him, That they were ready to ſacrifice their Lives and Fortunes for the Service of his Majeſty, and to that end, to bring an Army of 50000 Men into the Field.

On the 5th Inſtant died at Paris of the Small Pox, the Duke d'Aumont: He had buried his Father, Mother and Spouſe within 6 Months. His eldeſt Son has the Reverſion of the Office of Firſt Gentleman of his Majeſty's Bed-chamber.

According to Letters from Italy, the Grand Duke of Tuſcany was upon the point of leaving this World: and they talk of a Scheme to be already laid down, of a Triple Alliance to ſecure the Succeſſion of Don Carlos to the States of Tuſcany, Parma and Placentia. Mean-time Letters from Geneva tell us (if ye will give Credit thereto) that the Duke of Tuſcany is dead; and that his Son Prince John Gaſton, is declared and acknowledged Grand Duke and Succeſſor to all the Titles of the late Duke.

On the 22d paſt the Houſe of Commons of Ireland reſolved, That Popery has greatly increaſed, by the many Ways found out by the Papiſts to evade, and by the Neglect of the Officers of the Peace in executing the Laws made for preventing the Growth of Popery.

That the Recommending Perſons converted from the Popiſh Religion, whereby they may be put too early in Commiſſion of the Peace; and alſo for any Perſon married to a Popiſh Wife, to bear Office under the King, is highly prejudicial to the *Proteſtant* Intereſt.

Reſolved likewiſe, That no *Perſon*, who is or ſhall become a Convert from the *Popiſh* Religion, ought to be capable either of holding any Office under the King, or to practiſe as a Barriſter, Attorney, *&c.* for the Space of Seven Years after their Converſion. They alſo read a Bill for accepting the ſolemn Affirmation of Quakers inſtead of an Oath.

There is brought from Barbary, as a *Preſent* to Mr. Adams an eminent Merchant in this City, an Oſtrich 8 Foot high from Head to Foot, of 200 *Pounds* weight.

Letters from Dublin adde, That ſeveral *Popiſh Prieſts*, with great Sums of Money and great Bundles of *Papers*, which came in a Ship from Roan, were ſeized at Yonghill, and were to be committed to Cork Goal.

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We are informed, That upon the King's Arrival here, the Bishop of Winchester will be made Clerk of the Closet to his Majesty.

The Reverend Dr. Hayly is presented to the Living of Amport.

Fleetwood Leigh, Esq; is going to be married to the only Daughter of Sir Francis Leister.

Haddington, Nov. 8.

Best Wheat 7 *l.* 12 *sh.*	2*d Ditto* 7 *l.*	3*d Ditto* 6 *l.* 12 *sh.*
Best Bear 7 *l.* 8 *sh.*	2*d Ditto* 7 *l.*	3*d Ditto* 6 *l.* 16 *sh.*
Best Oats 6 *l.*	2*d Ditto* 5 *l.* 16 *sh.*	3*d Ditto* 5 *l.* 12 *sh.*
Best Pease 5 *l.* 10 *sh.*	2*d Ditto* 5 *l.* 6 *sh.*	3*d Ditto* 5 *l.* 4 *sh.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

§‡§ A very good Ass, Colted within these 8 or 10 Days within 2 Miles of *Edinburgh*, to be Sold. Enquire for *Robert Straiton* in *Over Braid*, or the Author of this *Paper*.

*** *About a Fourtnight ago there was stoln or strayed out of the Park at* Revelridge, *about* 5 *Miles west from* Edinburgh, *a little Pyot White and Broun Shelty, just newly Docked, having a Cut in the Far Hip, occasion'd by the Docking; with* 4 *White Feet, and a Bell in the Face. Any Person or Persons that can give an Account of the said Shelty, so as it may be got back to Mr.* Dalmahoy *at* Revelridge, *or to* George Purdie *at the Exchange Coffee-house, shall have a sufficient Reward, and the Gentleman's Kindness besides.*

*** *That there is a general Meeting of the Creditors of the Deceast Mr.* Andrew Ramsay *of* Abbotshall, *appointed to be at* Edinburg *upon the* 21*st. Instant, at three a Clock of the Afternoon, in the House of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner, where the whole Creditors are desired to be present or appoint others by any proper Writ under their Hand to be present, and act and do for them in Regard there are Matters of Importance to be concerted, and such of the Creditors who have not yet produced their Interest in the Clerk to the process of Ranking and Sale of the said Estate, depending before the Lords of Session his Hands; and such of them as have borrowed up their Interests, are desired immediatly to give them in to the Clerk to the said Process, that the Ranking and Sale may go on, and such of the saids Creditors who have not yet deponed upon the Verity of their Debts, are desired to do it immediatly, otherwise they will be excluded in the Ranking.*

§ At the Desire of severals of the Creditors of Mr. *David Watson*, late one of the Under-Clerks to the *Bills*. These are to notifie, that its thought propet there be a general Meeting of the saids Creditors, in order to concert Measures for the common Interest of all, and for prosecuting and recovering his Funds, for operating their Payments, which if not timely done, may perish: And therefore its desired, that they by themselves or their Doers do meet at *John's Coffee-house* on *Wednesday* the 20th of *November* Instant, at three of the Clock Afternoon.

THAT upon Monday *the* 18*th of* November *Instant, in the House of* Arthur Reid *Vintner in* Edinburgh, *betwixt the Hours of* 3 *and* 4 *Afternoon, there is to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup, the Lodging in the* Covenant *Closs, lately possest by the deceast Commissar* Alves, *consisting of a good Dining-room,* 3 *Bed Rooms, a large Kitchen, Cellar and other Conveniencies. The Writs and Conditions of Roup to be seen at* Andrew Alves, *his writing Chamber at* Don's *Closs-head.*

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